

Badrán, Hani Al Hassan confer

By Jordan Times Staff Reporter

JORDAN (R) — Prime Minister Mudar Badrón met Sunday with Mr. Hani Al Hassan, Arab Central Committee member and political adviser to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat. Palestinian sources told the Jordan Times. The aim of the meeting was to discuss means of further strengthening Jordanian-Palestinian cooperation, the sources said. Mr. Al Hassan is expected to assume a more important role in cementing future ties between Jordan and the PLO, they added. Mr. Al Hassan is in Jordan as a member of the PLO delegation now visiting the country. The Palestinian leaders, headed by Mr. Arafat, arrived in Amman on Saturday and most of them are expected to leave for South Yemen on Monday.

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Jordan's imports
increase in first
half of 1982

AMMAN (Tura) — Jordan's exports in the first half of this year registered an increase of 29 per cent over figures for the first half of 1981, according to a statistical bulletin released by the Department of Statistics. It said that total value of imported goods in the first half of 1982 amounted to JD 566 million against JD 422 million between January and June 1981. The main countries exporting goods to Jordan were Saudi Arabia 21 per cent, the U.S. 13 per cent, West Germany 10 per cent, Japan seven per cent, Italy four per cent, Britain four per cent and France four per cent. It said Jordan's main imports were crude cars, auto spare parts, electrical and home appliances, tractors, bulldozers, flour, furniture, steel products, iron, cement, fabrics, timber, and sugar.

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(from right to left) PLO Executive Council member Hamed Abu Sitta, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi and PLO Executive Council member Kamil Al Wazir. (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

Hussein, Arafat stress unity

By Samira Kawar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The homelessness of the Palestinian people and the catastrophes that have befallen them have made the Palestinians more determined to regain their land and to practise determination on their national soil, His Majesty King Hussein said Sunday in a speech delivered at the opening meeting of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Higher Council for Education, Culture and Sciences.

In his speech which was followed by an address by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, the King affirmed that the Palestinian people would not accept an alternative homeland to Palestine.

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Council stresses importance of Palestinian education

By Aifah A. Kaloti
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Higher Council of Education, Culture and Science opened Sunday in Amman its seventh-meeting.

The two-day discussions were opened by two speeches delivered by His Majesty King Hussein and PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasser Arafat.

The meeting was headed by Dr. Ahmad Sidqi Al Dajani, president of the council, and attended by the members of the council which included university professors and experts specialised in various fields.

The meeting discussed various

topics related to educational conditions of Palestinian people, Arab universities in the Israeli occupied territories, Israel's arbitrary measures against Palestinian educational institutions.

Also discussed were the deportation of university professors and defence orders jeopardising the educational process of Arabs in the occupied territories and a planned open university for Palestinians.

Dr. Nasir hoped that the present number will increase to 80 per cent in five years time.

Dr. Nasir pointed out that only a small percentage of students studying abroad choose to return to the country.

To promote media campaign, the participants suggested publication of pamphlets on the Arab universities in occupied territories as well as leaflets revealing the Israeli arbitrary measures against Arab educational institutes.

Participants also called for support of the PLO Higher Educational Council so as to coordinate activities of various educational institutions there and to enable the council to direct the university properly.

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Habib, Egyptian officials discuss Middle East

CAIRO (Agencies) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib met Egyptian officials Sunday to discuss proposals for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon, an Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

The spokesman told reporters following a one hour meeting between Mr. Habib and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali that "various American formulas" were discussed.

He did not elaborate, but said Egypt had made it clear that "the withdrawal of Israeli forces and other foreign troops is needed as soon as possible."

The talks also dealt with Middle East peace efforts based on President Reagan's proposals, which

call for Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in association with Jordan, the spokesman said.

Egyptian Foreign Ministry officials said Mr. Habib leaves Monday for Rabat for a joint meeting with King Hassan of Morocco and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

Their talks would focus on an Arab peace plan which envisages an independent Palestinian state in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, the officials said.

Mr. Habib has visited Lebanon, Syria, Israel, Jordan and Egypt in the course of his current Middle East mission.

Egyptian Foreign Ministry officials said Mr. Habib would also discuss an Egyptian request for his mediation in a border dispute with Israel over the 700-metre border

strip at Taba on the Red Sea coast.

The American director-general of the Sinai peacekeeping force, Leamont Hunt, arrived here Sunday on a two-day visit which will include talks with Foreign Minister Hassan Ali and other officials.

He told reporters on his arrival that he would discuss the role that his force—officially titled the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO)—could assume in settling the Taba issue.

The 2,600-strong MFO, under Norwegian commander Gen. Frederick Bull-Hansen, keeps a handful of its troops in the 700-square metre area over which both Egypt and Israel, citing different maps, claim sovereignty.

U.S. mediators are trying to set up talks on withdrawing Israeli troops from Lebanon as part of an American effort to arrange the removal of all foreign forces from the country-Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian.

Israel had been pressing for ministerial talks that would also have covered normalising relations and, eventually, a peace treaty with Lebanon.

Initially Lebanon wanted the discussions to be conducted by army officers, restricted to military matters, and held outside Jerusalem.

U.S. envoy Morris Draper, shuttling between Jerusalem and Beirut, briefed Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin on the latest Lebanese conditions just before the cabinet met.

Israeli officials did not comment on reports here that Lebanon had softened its stand by agreeing to have a civilian head its delegation.

Israel drops demand on talks with Lebanon

Jordan to mark Day of Solidarity

AMMAN (Petra) — Monday, Nov. 29, marks the fourth anniversary of the Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People and the 35th anniversary of the U.N. General Assembly resolution for the partition of Palestine.

On the eve of the occasion, the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs issued a statement calling on all nations to express solidarity with the Palestinian people in "words and deeds" and in exerting pressure on Israel to force it to recognise the rights of the Palestinian people in their homeland.

"The occasion this year coincides with even more disasters and tragedies for the Palestinian people at the hands of the Zionist invaders who are intent on liquidating this people and exterminating its existence," the statement said.

The statement referred to the massacres of refugees in Beirut's Shatila and Sabra camps, the establishment of Zionist settlements on confiscated Arab territory and the arbitrary measures exercised against educational institutions in

Palestine.

"The partition resolution of 1947, which granted Israel the right to establish its racist state in Palestine, was the beginning of the tragedy for the Palestinian people who ever since has been displaced and scattered over Arab states, and deprived of their basic rights and identity," the statement said.

He said that Jordan's parliamentary delegations to various international conferences have been explaining the Palestine problem to world nations and have been coordinating efforts with other Arab delegations with the purpose of gaining world wide support for the just Arab cause.

Also on the occasion, Upper House of Parliament Speaker Bahjat Talbouni made a statement calling on Arab countries to support Jordanian-Palestinian joint efforts for establishing peace

in the region based on justice. "The Jordanian and Palestinian people are currently working hand-in-hand to establish a confederation that would help regain the usurped rights of the Palestinians and other Arab countries are called on to support these efforts and help promote the march of unity," Mr. Talbouni said.

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The statement said: "To safeguard its interests the Arab Nation must embark on serious and well planned actions to secure justice for the Palestinians".

Meanwhile, the Amman-based Higher Arab Committee for Palestine Sunday also issued a statement describing the 1947 partition resolution as an "injust one that violated the principles of the U.N. Charter and people's right to self-determination."

The leaders of world Zionism colluded with Britain against the Palestinian people and transformed the whole of Palestine into a Jewish state by evicting the legitimate owners from their land," the statement added.

According to a CAA spokesman a large number of Jordanians are currently receiving training abroad and in Jordan, Al Ra'i said.

Mass rally organised

By Samira Kawar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A mass rally will be held in Amman Monday to mark the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

The Jordan Times learned that the rally, to be held at the Professional Association Complex at 5 p.m., is being organised by the professional associations in Jordan. Speakers at the occasion will include novelist Khalil Al-Suwaihi,

who will speak on Israeli settlement activities in the occupied territories; Salih Kneifan, who will speak on Arab solidarity with the Palestinian people; columnist Tareq Masarweh, who will also speak on Arab solidarity with the Palestinian people; former Mayor of Al-Bireh Abdul Jawad Sulih who was deported by the Israelis from the West Bank in 1974, and the well-known Palestinian resistance poet Mahmoud Darwish, who will recite some of his poetry.

AMMAN (Petra) — A special French envoy will arrive in Amman Monday to deputise for French Foreign Trade Minister Michel Jobert to attend the inauguration of a fertiliser complex in Aqaba Tuesday.

Mr. Shahin Nouari, who is also director of Mr. Jobert's office, will be accompanied by two aides from the ministry.

France has contributed financially and technically towards the project which has cost \$450 million by granting Jordan a 45-million franc loan in addition to another 285-million franc loan from a consortium of French banks. Also French technicians supervised the implementation of engineering works of the project.

Seminar to discuss use of solar energy for agriculture purposes

AMMAN (Petra) — A four-day conference on the application of solar energy for agriculture purposes is due to open here Saturday.

The Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development (AOAD) regional office here is organising the conference which will be opened by Minister of Agriculture Marwan Durdin.

AOAD Director Fahd Al-Azab said that the conference will focus on a comprehensive study of solar energy technology and its applications in agriculture, heating, refrigerating, storage and dehydrating crops.

The conference will discuss subjects connected with the use of renewable energy for pumping water, irrigation, producing electricity as well as effects of weather conditions on the use of solar energy. Dr. Azab said.

He added that the participants, who represent AOAD member countries, will also have an opportunity to exchange information and experience in the use of solar energy and future plans in the application of this technology.

In addition to AOAD members, the conference will be attended by several special foreign specialists and representatives of specialised organisations. According to Dr. Azab, the delegates will be taken on a tour of Jordan Valley agricultural projects.

Saudi education official briefed on University of Jordan's systems

AMMAN (Petra) — The visiting dean of the Faculty of Economics at King Saud University of Saudi Arabia, Sultan Al-Lattar, Sunday called at the University of Jordan and met with its President Abdul Salam Al-Majali.

Dr. Lattar was briefed on the development of the university and its services and future programmes. The visitor also called at

the Faculty of Economics and Commerce and met with its dean and teachers to discuss their educational programmes.

Dr. Lattar arrived in Amman Saturday for an official visit to look into the University of Jordan's systems and to study the possibility of applying them in Saudi Arabia.

They also emphasised the importance of the establishment of educational research centres at the Arab universities and the publication of the results of research conducted there.

A general federation for all academic institutions was suggested to be formulated in the occupied territories.

And finally, the meeting discussed means of bringing the open university project into existence which was hindered by the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in June.

'German Concert Week' starts today

By Lamis Andoni
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A German concert week is scheduled to start Monday at the Royal Cultural Centre under the patronage of Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor.

The concert week, sponsored jointly by the Beirut University College Alumni Club, Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, the Goethe Institute and the embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, will present four concerts—three are to be presented by the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra and one by the German Chamber Academy Orchestra.

The Bamberg group is considered one of the most famous orchestras in Germany. The orchestra owes its international reputation to world-renowned musicians who conducted it such as Käthner; Kutes and Logran. It has performed many concerts all over the world. The well-known British musician James Logran has been conducting the orchestra since 1979. The orchestra was conducted under his baton during its visit to Great Britain. In October 1982, when it presented 14 concerts which drew thundering applause.

On its first two concerts in Amman, on Nov. 29 and 30, the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra will perform the works of Smetana, Mozart and Dvorak. As for its third concert, on Dec. 2, the orchestra will present pieces by Beethoven, Kodaly, and Mozart.

The last concert, which concludes the German week will be presented by the German Chamber Academy orchestra, which has an excellent reputation in Europe despite its small size in number of members. It has 16 players only. The Chamber Academy Orchestra will play symphonies by Haydn, Mozart and Wolf.

The proceeds of the concerts will be used by the Beirut University College Alumni Club.

Cabinet reviews '83 budget

AMMAN (Petra) — In preparation for the inauguration of the Queen Alia International Airport early next year the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has embarked on a major programme to train personnel who would take charge of its operations, Al Ra'i newspaper said Sunday.

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Randa Habib's CORNER

Why imitate thy neighbour?

Competition is a healthy element for purchasing good quality products. A multitude of clothing shops opening their doors in Amman will be to our advantage because we will have a wider choice and consequently the merchants would be compelled to have competitive prices.

What is beneficial for certain sectors is not for others and it is unfortunate to note that any innovation in Amman is copied by dozens at an amazing speed. If a chocolate shop opens, everybody wants to open one and as the consumption of such an item is not very big, the result is that we complain about the bad state of the business.

More shocking still are the centres for video films, they are so numerous that one cannot help wondering how they can survive. The same can be applied to travel agencies, everyday a new agency advertises about a "dream holiday" and I believe that every Jordanian should make at least two trips a year for all those agencies to be able stay in business.

Innovation is good for a country but it remains effective so long as it stays an innovation.

It is excellent to introduce a new idea or product in the country but for heaven's sake, let us not all copy this idea. There are still so many things to be done and so many things to create that we can forget about the neighbour's idea....

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mauritanian envoy praises Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — Mauritanian Ambassador to Jordan Mohammad Ould Widadi Sunday praised Jordanian-Mauritanian relations and expressed hope that cooperation between the two countries will continue. Speaking on the anniversary of his country's Independence Day, Sunday the ambassador said that the Mauritanian people "look with pride to Jordan and its steadfastness in the face of challenges and dangers threatening the Arab Nation."

NCC to hold regular Monday session

AMMAN (J.T.) — An amendment to the Jordanian conservation law and queries about oil resources in Jordan will be among the topics on the agenda of the National Consultative Council (NCC) when it meets Monday for its regular session. Also on the agenda are plans to build a court of law and housing units for teachers in Ma'an, southern Jordan and the production of animal feed in the country.

NCC to discuss local TV programmes

AMMAN (Petra) — Locally-produced programmes shown on Jordan Television were discussed at a meeting Sunday of the National Consultative Council's (NCC) Social and Educational Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Ahmad Abu Qader. The committee's decisions on the subject will be discussed in the NCC's regular session Monday. The committee's meeting was attended by Minister of Information Adnan Abu Qader.

Jordan to attend Arab military seminar

TUNIS (Petra) — Jordan is scheduled to attend a seminar of commanders of Arab military colleges due to open in Tunis Tuesday. A Jordanian military team has arrived here to take part in the meeting which is organised by the Arab League's Military Affairs Department. The participants are expected to discuss a number of issues connected with training army officers and the exchange of expertise among Arab states.

Bank raises limit of loan for housing

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Housing Bank has raised to JD 10,000 the amount which it can grant as a loan to individuals wishing to build private homes, Al Ra'i newspaper reported Sunday. It said that the maximum low loan previously granted to the single citizen was JD 7,000.

University proposes uniforms

AMMAN (J.T.) — The University of Jordan has proposed special uniforms for its staff and students and will be encouraging the staff and students to wear these same during office and class hours, according to a report by Sunday's Al Ra'i newspaper, which quoted university sources. The report said that cloth for the uniforms will be sold by the university at cost price to encourage students to wear them. The university has also announced that it is granting needy students loans totalling JD 20,000 for the academic year 1982/83. Al Ra'i said. Two hundred and fourteen male and female students will benefit from these loans, to be repaid in instalments, after the students graduate and actually start earning their own living. The university is also offering needy students the opportunity to do some work on the campus to earn pocket money, the paper added.

Zarqa alters plans for building complex

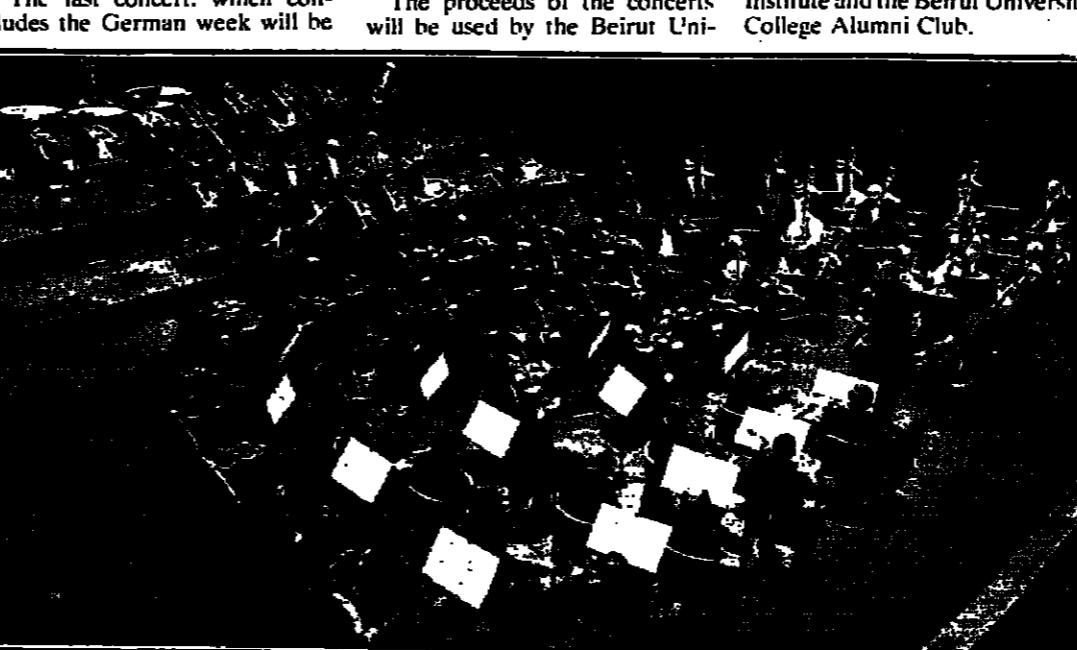
ZARQA (Petra) — The Zarqa Municipal Committee has shelved a project for building a complex to house a library and a conference hall because of the high cost of construction. Committee Chairman Noufan Al-Humaid said Sunday that the projected complex was estimated to cost JD 5 million. Instead of establishing an independent complex, he said, the municipality will construct the complex above the municipality's shopping centre. The new project will have the same specifications but will cost JD 1 million only, he said. Also Sunday the committee announced its approval for allowing sports clubs and sports institutions to practise in the municipality's playground as of Dec. 1. Previously, the municipal grounds were used for football matches organised by the Amman Sports Federation.

Stamp to mark achievements in space

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Communications had decided to issue a postal stamp depicting achievements in space for peaceful purposes. A ministry spokesman said that the issuing of the stamp, which will be put in circulation as of Jan. 1, 1983, is to mark the inauguration of the new international telephone exchange in Jordan.

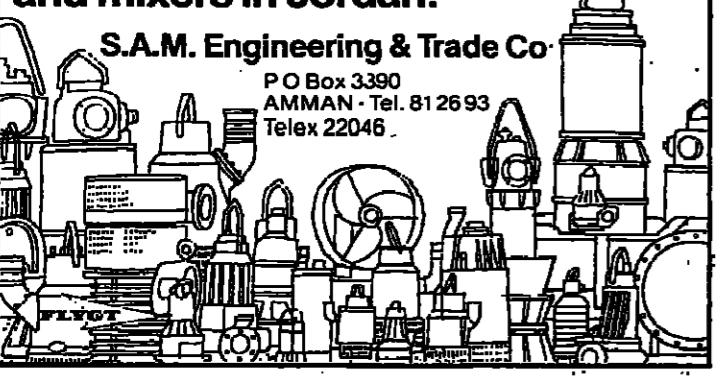
Zarqa prepares for Arbor Day

ZARQA (Petra) — The Agricultural Department here has prepared 400,000 saplings to be distributed to the public for planting on Arbor Day which falls on Jan. 15. A department spokesman Sunday said that beds for planting these saplings at Beirin and Azraq and in Zarqa region were being prepared. Also on the occasion, the department is preparing for a large meeting of schools, companies and other organisations' representatives in the region to determine their needs of plants and trees.



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NEWS

By Michael Sheridan

Editor

PEERMO, Sicily. The body lies crumpled in the street, the killer lies; people nervously silence their heads from cover and police arrive to hear the old story — nothing says anything.

"This is the iron rule of the mafia's unwritten code of silence known to every Sicilian as *omerta*. *Omerta* means denial, shaken heads, nervous look in the eye to questioners. To the police and magistrates fighting a bitter and bloody war against the crime organisation it is the single biggest obstacle to their efforts."

What is the secret behind *omerta* in Sicilian crimes?

And it was the one word that Pope John Paul did not utter during his visit to Sicily last weekend.

The official record of his last speech included an appeal to Sicily's youth to fight *omerta* with hope and the Italian press and television carried colourful accounts of his plea. But the Pope never said it.

The Vatican said the omission was due to lack of time. But to the few Sicilians who knew of the difference, it was a sign that this ancient, symbolically charged expression has lost none of its power;

even for a Polish Pope.

The origins of the expression *omerta* are lost in time and the tangle of civilisations, cultures and kingdoms that have influenced the Mediterranean island.

But, like the word "mafia," it is thought to have its linguistic roots in Arabic. Gangsters appear to have adopted the rule of silence from much older traditions.

This week *omerta* again confronted investigators trying to find the men who callously threw 15-year-old Francesco Cifore into the back of a car and shot him repeatedly in the face. The boy

died just because he was with his killers' real targets.

Francesco's death and those of his uncle and another man were a typical example of the no-witness Sicilian crime.

The gunshots that ended their lives must have echoed around the houses in the hills outside Palermo.

Every time, the police find their inquiries blocked by a wall of silence, disavowals and evasion. Now the Catholic church, led by the stern figure of Cardinal Salvatore Pappalardo, is campaigning to rouse consciences.

But the history of Sicily offers some explanation for people's deep-rooted reluctance to come

forward. Over 120 people have died violently in the Palermo area this year. They include Pio la Torre, a tough Communist politician hated by the mafia, and Gen. Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa, the nation's top anti-terrorist policeman.

Just a short way from the echoing medieval palace where Cardinal Pappalardo draws up his pronouncements, life in Palermo's slums goes on as it has done for centuries.

It was here, in the bustling narrow streets, stallholders shouting their prices from behind tables heaped with shining fresh fish, piles of vegetables and esoteric cuts of meat, that the modern post-war mafia began.

The atmosphere is that of a North African city. Dozens of small children work in shops or

run errands, the poverty and signs of religious devotion in the tiny houses bearing witness to the daily struggle for survival.

The people of the backstreets have seen rulers come and go for centuries, from the ancient Greeks and Romans who first built the town, to the French Aspregenvins and Spanish Bourbons.

At one stage it was an Arab city, when the armies of Islam drove out the forces of the declining Byzantine empire and made it their capital. Then they, too, fell to Norman invaders.

The Arab legacy to Palermo

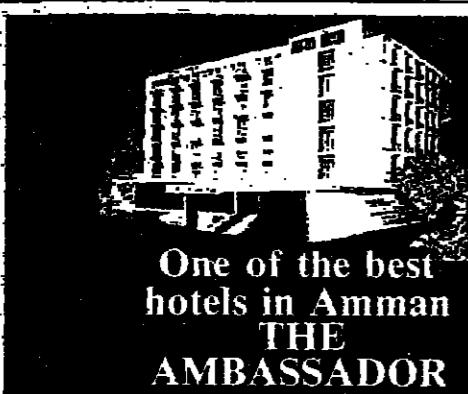
lives on in its buildings and language, and also in the habits of reticence and distrust the Christian populace adopted towards the conquerors.

By the time the Spanish came, armed with blazing religious intolerance, the Muslim and Norman rulers who had made their kingdom in the sun into a model of cultural and social harmony were long gone and the city's brief flowering was over.

A long decline set in, with one incompetent and corrupt Bourbon or Savoyard succeeding another, until in the last century bands formed by peasants and landowners fed up with the regime emerged as a force that became, in time, the mafia.

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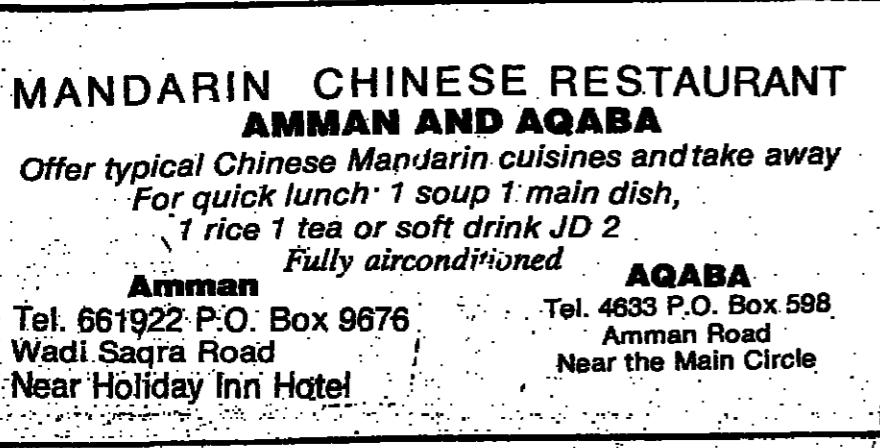


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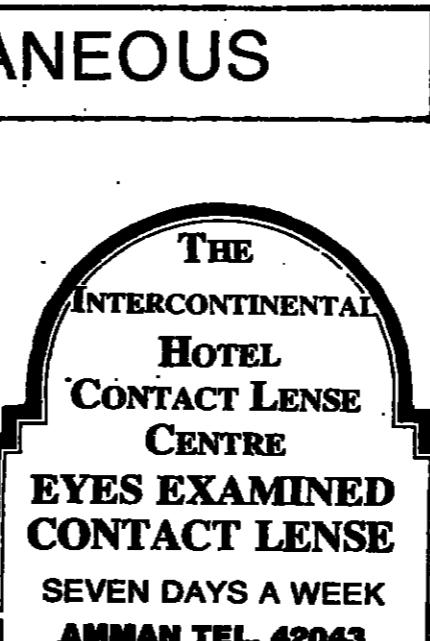


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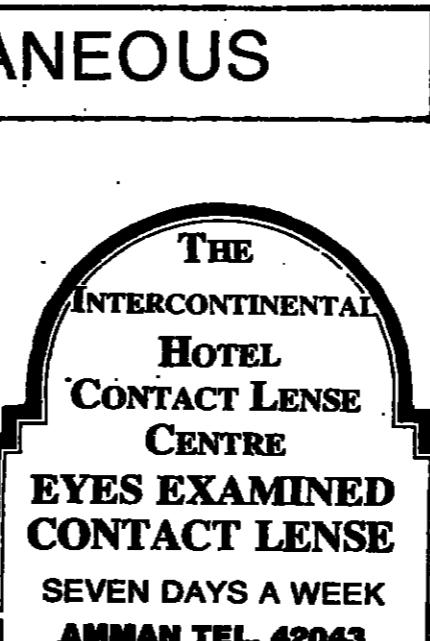


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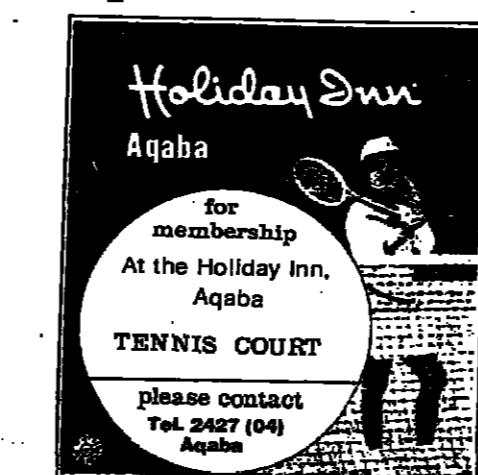
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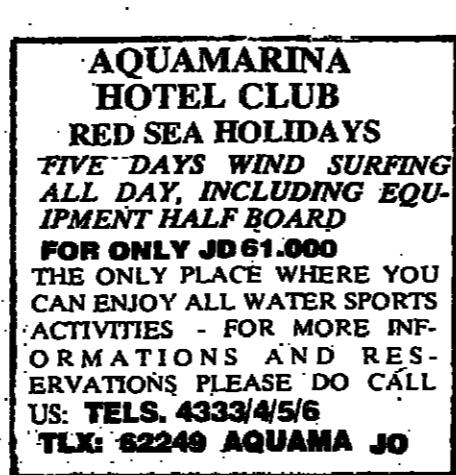
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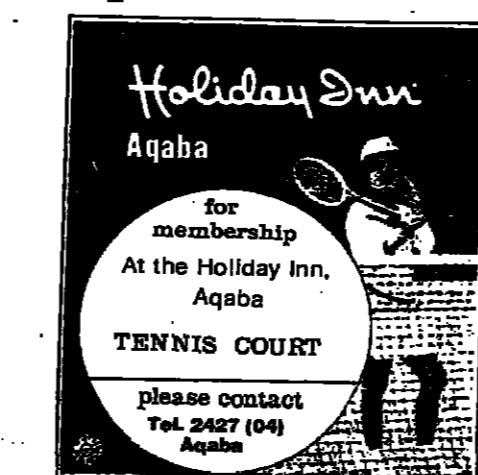
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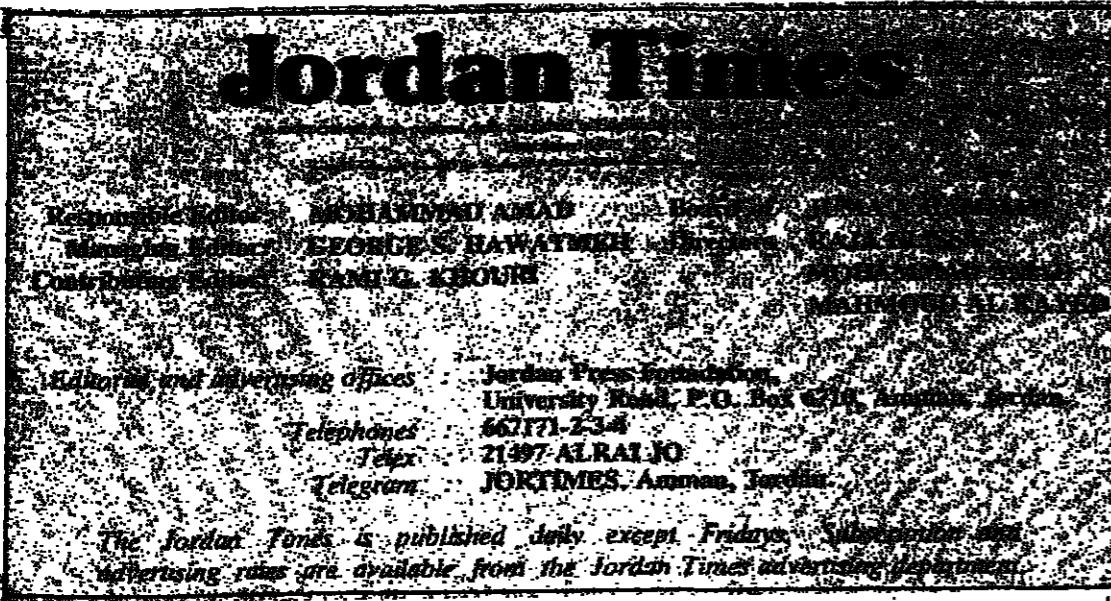
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GUEST EDITORIAL

Clarity to avoid disaster *

By Tareq Masarwah

THE Palestinian course of action should be clear. So should be the Jordanian. Furthermore, the Jordanian-Palestinian joint action should be clearly defined.

The Americans have dropped the Reagan Peace plan on the Middle East like a bombshell. The Arabs have come to believe that it is - this time - a serious step, that if we do not grab the opportunity and benefit from the plan within the coming four months, the chance will not present itself again.

Clarity of vision for Jordanians and Palestinians in particular is a must since they stand together or fall together. Of course there is a majority of Arab states which can amuse itself with the Palestine problem and tend to use the issue in small petty disputes that normally plague Arab regimes.

We alone stand together, or else we fall together. Therefore clarity in our course of action is the only weapon we have.

The Americans have offered the Reagan plan and this was promptly rejected by Israel. Yet the Americans are pressing hard, not Israel but in the direction of Jordan—which is supposed to be the negotiator—and the Palestinians as the people who should recognise Israel.

The Arabs, on the other hand, have submitted the Fez Arab summit plan and this was rejected by Washington and Israel. Yet the eight-point plan stands unsupported with no dynamic action on our

part to force the Israelis and Americans to take it seriously.

If the focus of attention at the Fez Arab summit was recognition of Israel and offering it peace, then we must remember that Menachem Begin is saying: "Israel is in no need of Arab recognition. On the contrary, the Arabs' interest lies with Israel recognising them."

If, on the other hand, the focus was on offering peace, we must admit that this argument has lost its content, simply because those who cannot wage war are in no position to offer peace to anyone.

We would like to see the picture quite clear for Jordanians and Palestinians alike. This picture should be clear to all—the Americans, the Soviets and Europeans. At this stage, we cannot, like others, hide behind traditional Arab slogans that have indeed lost their meaning and content.

The Reagan plan and the Fez plan are mere peace proposals for the Arabs at large. But for us—Jordanians and Palestinians—it is not like that at all. For us it is a plan and a role, since we cannot accept a plan without committing ourselves to a role, whereas other Arab countries can accept the plan or reject it, simply because they have no role to play in its implementation.

Therefore, we call for clarity, because it is the only safe course to avoid disaster.

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Al Ra'i: Time--the most important factor now

The resumption of Jordanian-Palestinian talks between His Majesty King Hussein and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat indicates that the joint march of the two peoples is advancing forward, and the crystallisation of future relations between them is under way. The persistence in carrying out joint responsibilities is evident, and the tireless effort to liberate the occupied land before further damage is done through Israeli settlements is pursued by the two leaderships.

The various aspects of Jordanian-Palestinian cohesion have methodically been a direct target for fierce propaganda attacks by Israel, accompanied with regular attempts at splitting the

ranks of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories, aimed at jeopardising Jordanian-Palestinian cohesion and minimising its effects.

The freeing of the occupied land being the main objective of the two peoples' joint effort worries Israel, as it senses great danger on its annexationist schemes from such a joint stand.

The completion of the crystallisation process of future Jordanian-Palestinian relationship strengthens both sides, and facilitates each party's role in saving the occupied territories. The time factor is the major card with which Israel is gambling all the time, and this important factor should be given due consideration while studying future probabilities.

Al Dustour: Jordan--PLO talks bolster Arab peace drive

His Majesty King Hussein met again with the Palestinian delegation headed by Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat.

The brotherly relations between the two need constant contact between the leaderships, but the present circumstances make it imperative for the two sides to seek concentrated deliberations on current developments effecting the Arab cause in general, and the Palestinian question in particular.

The Israeli occupation policies seem to have found the present peace drive as posing a threat to their annexationist plans, and thus they are striving feverishly to accomplish hasty steps aimed at restructuring the demographic and geographical status of the occupied territories. Repression is being applied in full force against the West Bank, and the Village Leagues are given free hand to sabotage the Palestinian national drive in the occ-

upied territories, and try to besmirch Jordanian-Palestinian joint efforts.

On the other hand, the Arab League committee of seven, headed by the King, still pursues its line of contact with the U.N. Security Council permanent member states, and what has been accomplished, in addition to future moves are subject of consultations between the Jordanian and Palestinian sides. Developments in the region and in the international arena are also to be discussed by the two leaderships.

The announcement of the PLO leader, as well as those of Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibraheem emphasise the significance of the present consultations, and their role in strengthening the Arab peace drive at the international level.

Effects in several ways. They have 300 large missiles (SS-18s) that can each carry a nuclear bomb with the equivalent of 20 million to 25 million tons of dynamite. One such bomb could crush a dense-pack site 2,600 feet away. Aimed at the centre of a row of three silos, this large bomb would destroy the centre silo plus the neighbouring six silos.

Even if the Soviet missiles work the way they are supposed to only half of the time, dense pack would be destroyed by a flight of 60 such missiles timed to arrive over the area within three seconds of one another.

These missiles would avoid all fratricidal effects if they were fitted with clocks that made all of them detonate within one-millionth of a second. Such clocks are commercially available, so it can be assumed the Russians have them.

Another way to defeat dense pack is to use nuclear bombs that penetrate the ground before they explode. This would prevent all fratricidal effects and would dig up or bury under tens of feet of dirt all the silos even if the arrival of the Soviet missiles was badly timed. The Russians do not have such weapons now, but they can build them in the 5 to 10 years that it would take to build dense pack.

Sending two waves of missiles is still another way to destroy dense pack. The missiles in each wave could be aimed at rows of dense-

pack silos 11,000 feet apart and timed to explode at 1.5-second intervals. The first wave would destroy 46 silos and bury another 26 under more than 10 feet of dirt. The second wave, which would come 20 minutes later to avoid the fratricidal effects of the first wave, would destroy 38 silos and bury the remaining 16 under more than 15 feet of dirt.

In the interim, the missiles spared by the first wave could be prevented from leaving their silos by Soviet bombs exploding high above the field, one a minute. The remarkable thing about

dense pack is that it is vulnerable even to inaccurate and unreliable Soviet missiles. So close are the silos that, even if a Soviet missile strayed (within expected limits) from its intended target, it still would destroy the same number of silos.

Extensive detailed computer simulations of a Soviet attack show that this basing mode is vulnerable to a wide variety of strategies. The outcome of these attacks was uniformly devastating to dense pack, even when it was assumed that the Soviet weapons were inaccurate and that they arrived at the site several seconds before or after the optimal time.

The Russians need only a small number of warheads to mount such successful attacks on dense

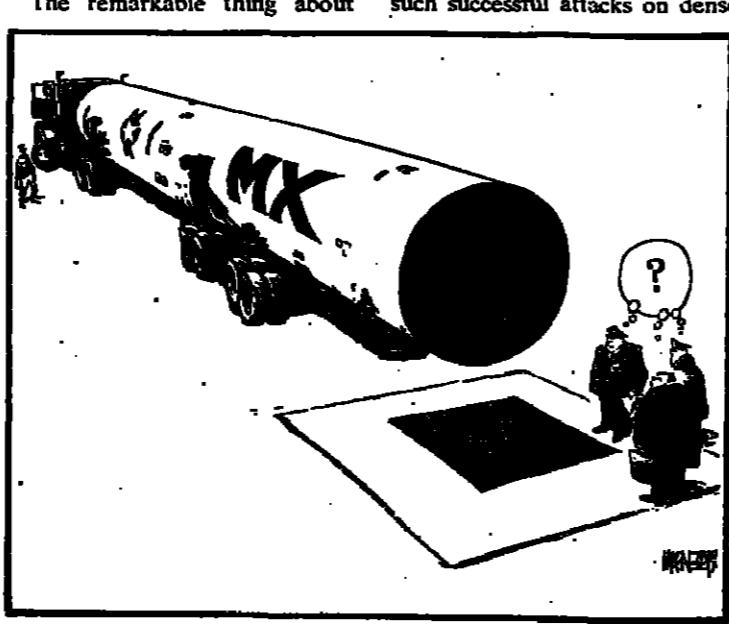
pack -- somewhere between 30 and 100. These could destroy 1,000 U.S. nuclear bombs mounted on the 100 MX missiles -- a distinct advantage for the Russians. This potential advantage, plus the fact that the MX missiles are advertised as accurate enough and powerful enough to destroy missiles in Soviet silos, may prompt a pre-emptive Soviet attack in time of crisis.

The only means to reduce the vulnerability of dense pack would be to install an anti-ballistic-missile system around it for protection. In fact, the proposed configuration -- a long, thin column stretching north-south -- is best suited for a protective ABM system. It seems, then, both prudent and realistic to consider the desirability and viability of dense pack only in conjunction with an ABM system, because without it the MX system assuredly would be vulnerable.

However, the installation of anti-ballistic missiles would require the United States to abrogate the 1972 ABM Treaty with the Soviet Union and would probably cost an additional \$25 billion -- as much as the dense-pack MX system itself.

In considering the administration's proposal for dense pack, Congress will have to take into account the economic and diplomatic costs of deploying an ABM system around it.

The writer is director of the Programme in Science and Technology for International Security at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The above article appeared in the International Herald Tribune.



The 'Catch-22' of the nuclear arms race

Progress in negotiations depends on deployment and deployment depends on progress in negotiations and progress.....

By Charles Lambelin
Reuter

BRUSSELS — With 1983 seen as a testing year for the Western alliance, NATO defence ministers meet next week to discuss a whole range of nuclear arms issues. The hottest question remains how to handle deployment of Pershing-2 and Cruise missiles by the end of next year if U.S.-Soviet arms control talks in Geneva are inconclusive.

The defence ministers -- and

NATO foreign ministers meeting in Brussels a week later -- will assess Soviet intentions in the light of changes in the Kremlin leadership. In the series of meetings starting on Monday, they are expected to agree that NATO countries should dispel any impression of hesitancy about their readiness to deploy the new American missiles if the Geneva talks fail.

Otherwise, Western diplomats say, Moscow will have no incen-

tive to trade off its current superiority in medium-range European-based nuclear weapons. The same point was made by President Reagan this week when he announced controversial plans to deploy 100 MX missiles in the United States, starting in 1986.

NATO decided three years ago to start deploying 572 Pershings

and Cruises at the end of 1983 if there was no limitation accord with the Soviet Union by then. But the dual-track decision, the result of a political compromise, was diversely interpreted. Some countries with vocal anti-nuclear and left-wing movements put the stress on the arms control track, hoping the missiles would never have to be deployed.

Others, like the United States, laid stronger emphasis on carrying through the deployments. Under European pressure, Washington agreed to adopt a zero option negotiating policy, under which

NATO would scrap the deployment plan if the Soviet Union

dismantled all its existing medium-range missiles in Europe. The dilemma facing NATO is that progress in negotiations may depend on deployment, and deployment may depend on progress in the year-long Geneva negotiations.

Determining factor

Belgium and the Netherlands, due to take 48 Cruises each, say progress in the talks will be a determining factor in their final decision on whether or not to accept the missiles. Britain, West Germany and Italy have agreed to deploy if there is no breakthrough at Geneva. All five countries could face critical choices if, as was widely expected, the Soviet Union makes concessions in the talks.

Western diplomats fear arguments could develop over whether deployment should be delayed until it becomes clear whether an agreement with Moscow is attainable.

Soviet Communist Party chief Yuri Andropov has told West

German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher there should be no fixed deadline in the talks, and no "automation" in NATO's deployment schedules. Diplomats said NATO defence ministers will hear a report on Tuesday by U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger on the East-West nuclear balance, including a briefing on the MX missile decision.

The Pershings and Cruises are NATO's answer to an earlier build-up of triple-warhead SS-20s aimed at Western Europe. NATO is reexamining its stockpile of 6,000 shorter-range nuclear weapons in Europe, and diplomats believe up to one-third may be scrapped eventually. But the defence ministers are expected to call for NATO ground forces to be strengthened.

NATO's commander, General Bernard Rogers, has said the shorter-range nuclear arsenal could be trimmed if conventional forces were backed by new technology. This raises questions about the cost of the sophisticated rockets and precision-guided munitions that would be needed. Most NATO members are finding it hard to fulfil a 1978 pledge to boost defence spending by three per cent in real terms annually.

by our government.

Q. Hmmm. Still, I don't see why you say Jordan is not being treated like an ally. We still give them generous supplies of arms and —

A. Bosh. For Jordan, getting arms these past few years has been like pulling teeth. Even before Camp David, Jordan had to wait two years to get the go-ahead to buy a supply of Hawk anti-missile batteries, and in order to get them had to agree to have them embedded in concrete. The idea was that if they were immobile, they could supposedly not threaten Israel. And that meant they could not defend against Israel either — nor very effectively against anyone else, for that matter.

A. Sorry, Hump, you've got that all wrong. Up until the moment of Sadat's visit, Jordan was a warm supporter of the U.S.'s policy to have a conference at Geneva that would seek a comprehensive settlement. When Sadat suddenly went to Jerusalem, the U.S. dropped this policy on the spot and began supporting Sadat's new initiative. And King Hussein, despite this unexpected and confusing Egypt zigzag, went gamely along with it. He not only did not voice objections to Sadat's visit, as so many other Arab countries did, but gave strong support to the peace terms which Sadat presented to the Israeli parliament. It was only after Camp David, when Sadat had backed down, in Hussein's view, from the strong stand he had taken in front of the Israeli parliament, that both Sadat and the U.S. had got on the wrong track. Anyhow, what's so bad about that? Why is it that a friendly country with goals for the area similar to those of the U.S. has to agree with every modality of U.S. policy for reaching those goals — especially when the modalities keep changing all the time — in order to be treated as an ally? Israel doesn't even share the U.S. goals for the area, but somehow it is still considered a close ally

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Q. That is kind of peculiar, mean, when you think that the Israelis have turned the Egyptian peace plan down flat. I guess Hussein has given it the cold shoulder.

A. Yep. He said it wasn't constructive and very move, and that he is going to play a very, very active part in trying to achieve its goals.

Q. So are they finally going to begin treating the King better?

A. Your guess is as good as mine.

Q. Boy, coming from you, that's a real compliment. I better quit while I'm ahead. See ya.

Fierce Kurdish resistance

By Nassir Shirkhani
Reuter

LONDON — Iranian troops have had some success in a major offensive against Kurds seeking autonomy in north-western Iran, but still appear far from ending the Kurdish rebellion. Fierce guerrilla resistance, coupled with heavy snow and bitter weather, has blunted the progress of the two-month-old onslaught, Kurdish sources say.

Iranian clerical leaders mobilised a huge force in September, pledging to crush the long-standing Kurdish uprising once and for all. Troops moved against the rebels with helicopter gunships and heavy artillery. Kurdish sources say 80,000 to 100,000 soldiers are fighting 10,000 experienced guerrillas who enjoy widespread support among villagers in two Kurdish provinces bordering Turkey and north-eastern Iraq.

The offensive, directed from a base in the city of Orumiyeh, had some initial success with revolutionary guards regaining control of villages and a network of roads near several big towns.

The biggest government success so far was the recapture -- at high cost, according to the Kurds -- of a road near the Iraqi border, between the small towns of Sardasht and Piranshahr, which the guerrillas used as a supply route and for attacks on government troops.

Kurds operating from mountain strongholds have fought successive Iranian governments for greater self-rule. They helped bring Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to power in the 1979 Islamic revolution which toppled the Shah, but soon afterwards ran into conflict with the new leaders. Government forces control all Kurdish towns and cities and are in no mood to compromise with the guerrillas.

Prime Minister Hossein Mousavi said this week: "Illegal groups have lost the bulk of their forces and the offensive will continue until all counter-revolutionaries have been wiped out."

But the Kurds are optimistic and say they can fight for many years. Sheikh Hussein's spokesman said: "The Islamic republic has done its best to crush the Kurds. It cannot apply more pressure and in view of heavy government casualties, the present situation cannot continue."

The biggest obstacle to government victory is the support guerrillas get from villagers who provide them with food, recruits and safe bases. To counter this advantage, the government has itself recruited local Kurds and exploited differences between Kurdish factions divided on political, religious and linguistic grounds. The Kurds engaged in the guerrilla war are mostly Sunni Muslims from the two northernmost Kurdish-majority provinces of West Azerbaijan and Kurdistan. Shiite Kurds in Hamadan and Kermanshah provinces further south, culturally closer to the Iranians, have stayed neutral or are helping the government.

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SPORTS**Flying policeman gives Malaysia its first Asian Games Gold**

NEW DELHI (R) — Malaysian policeman Rabuan Pit Sunday became Asia's fastest runner when he beat a crack field of eight sprinters to win the gold for the Asian Games 100 metres sprint.

A crowd of about 70,000 gave the flying policeman, who entered the event as a dark horse, a thunderous ovation. His triumph gave Malaysia its first gold medal at the games.

However Pit's 10.68 seconds was well away from the 20-year Games record of 10.4 seconds. It was also disappointing to see Thailand's Suchart Jaesuprapong, who recorded the best time in the heats, sink to third place with 10.76.

Suchart, winner of the event at the last Asian Games, was quick off the mark but fell behind the 26-year-old Malaysian in the last few metres.

The silver medal went to South Korea's Jae Kuen Jang who clocked 10.72 seconds. Officials blamed gusty wind conditions at the main Nehru Stadium for the poor timings in the most glorious track event.

Focus also fell on another sensational but gruelling race, the 185 km cycling in which South Korea's Park Se Ryong beat Mongolia's Ganbold Tsendendamba by a mere

0.22 seconds to capture the gold medal.

Cycling at well over 41 km an hour, Park, an army sergeant, kept the lead throughout the race which was run on a 14 km circular road on the outskirts of the capital.

His winning time was four hours 30 minutes 40.07 seconds. The end was almost a photo-finish among the three leaders with only .015 separating the runner-up and the bronze medalist Ali Zangiabadi of Iran.

China kept its hold on medals in the diving championships, adding to the women's platform diving title to the men's and women's platform diving golds and silvers.

But China is still well behind rivals Japan in swimming events, with a total of six golds to Japan's

16. Asia's track queen Lydia de Vega of the Philippines, had to quit the 200 metres women's race after straining the muscle in her right thigh.

The 17-year-old girl who won the 100 metres sprint Saturday, was in tears as she watched the 200 metres heats from the spectators stand.

"I cried so much because the 200 metres is my favourite event," she told reporters. "But maybe there will be another game, another chance," the glamour athlete of the Games said.

In the medals tally, China surged ahead with 47 golds, eight more than Japan. South Korea was in third place with 14 gold medals, overtaking their northern counterparts by two golds.

Bjorn Borg to lead European team against the Americans

BARCELONA, Spain (R) — Bjorn Borg, the deposed king of tennis, continues his bid to regain the crown when he leads a four-man European team against the Americas Monday.

The three-day \$600,000 event

is little more than a tennis circus but it gives the Swede some much needed competition against John McEnroe, the current number one, and his Davis Cup team-mate Gene Mayer.

The American team is completed by Vince van Patten and Andres Gomez of Ecuador, while Borg will join forces with compatriot Mats Wilander, Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl and Jose Higueras of Spain.

Borg, 25, five times Wimbledon Champion and the holder of six French Open titles, has been in semi-retirement this year and his clash with McEnroe on Tuesday may show if he has retained the will to win.

McEnroe surrendered his Wimbledon and U.S. Open titles this summer but has just led his country to victory in the Davis Cup against France and is playing at the height of his powers.

Six of the eight players in action are in the top 10 in the Grand Prix points standings and McEnroe and Lendl have already qualified for the Masters in New York in January.

Grand Prix leader Jimmy Connors, the reigning Wimbledon and U.S. Champion, had to pull out with a back injury allowing Van Patten, the actor turned tennis player, a place in the American team.

Members of the winning team will take away \$100,000 each and the losers \$50,000. McEnroe, Mayer and Lendl also played in last year's competition when the Americas beat Europe 9.3.

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Navratilova in confident mood for Australian Tennis Open

MELBOURNE (R) — Martina Navratilova, beaten only twice in 84 matches this year, has good reason to believe that her winning streak will continue in the Australian Open Tennis Championships which begin here Monday.

The 17-year-old girl who won the 100 metres sprint Saturday, was in tears as she watched the world's top women players, by beating Australian Evonne Goolagong in the final of the New South Wales Open in Sydney Sunday—her 14th victory in 16 matches this year.

What must be particularly worrying for her rivals is that the American cannot see any apparent weaknesses in her game at the moment.

"I feel I'm more solid and consistent now that at any stage of my career," Navratilova said.

"I'm setting up the points much better and eliminating the mistakes, which means more percentage tennis."

The player most likely to halt the top seed's run of success is Chris Evert Lloyd, whom Navratilova dethroned as world number one.

Lloyd will be keen to avenge a heavy defeat by Navratilova in the final of a tournament in Brighton.

Holmes angered by King

HOUSTON (R) — An angry Larry Holmes Sunday accused promoter Don King of cutting his purse by half a million dollars following his one-sided points victory over Randy (Tex) Cobb.

The 33-year-old World Boxing Council heavyweight champion said King, Holmes' former manager who has promoted all his title fights, told him at a victory party early Sunday that he was cutting his purse from \$2.1 million to \$1.6 million.

"King told me I had to take a cut because he lost money on the house," Holmes said. The fight Friday night was watched by a crowd of about 12,000 in the 55,000-seat Astrodome here.

"Maybe it's time I looked for another promoter or go my own way like Sugar Ray Leonard did," Holmes said. "I think I might call up Bob Arum" (King's major promotional rival).

Asked later to comment on Holmes' charges, the normally volatile King said: "I have nothing to say about that."

Holmes also indicated he had had a change of heart about retiring after his next title defence. Earlier this week, the champion, unbeknown in 41 professional bouts, said he planned one more fight before quitting.

But Sunday Holmes said he was looking forward to fighting "a couple more times."

"I've got to get somebody easy next time," said Holmes, unmarked after pounding Cobb almost at will but failing to floor the challenger.

Holmes had said before the fight that he was not interested in a re-match with Gerry Cooney, whom he stopped in the 11th round last June. But he appeared to have had a change of heart.

American Half Iced outclasses world's leading thoroughbreds

TOKYO (R) — Half Iced, a 31-1 outsider, upstaged two of the world's leading thoroughbreds, John Henry and April Run, to win the 152.2 million yen (\$610,000) Japan Cup race here Sunday.

The three-year-old American colt, ridden by Canadian jockey Donald Macbeth, spurted clear in the closing stages of the 2,400

metre (one-and-a-half mile) race to beat All Along, a three-year-old French filly in a photo finish.

The colt's unexpected victory—his first in a major race—earned owner Bertram Firestone 70 million yen (\$279,000).

All Along was among the favourites after beating Arc de Triomphe winner Akiyoda in the prestigious group one Prix Vermeille this year. The filly was ridden by Australian jockey Gary Moore.

April Run, a four-year-old mare ridden by American jockey Cash Asmussen, was third a further neck back.

England badly needed a break



Mohammed Tarif Al Khayyat team... winners of the 41-km Irbid race.

JCF cycle race postponed

By Riyad M. Ahmad
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Jordanian Cycling Federation (JCF) last Wednesday decided to postpone the second official bicycle race which was scheduled to be held on Friday Nov. 26. The decision was made in response to a growing interest among the newly-informed Jordanian amateur cyclists to take part in the 70-kilometre race, the JCF announced.

A promising young cyclist who is a member of the Irbid 41-kilometre race winning team Mr. Tarek Khayyat told the Jordan Times that cycling is a newly-introduced sport to Jordan and the idea started when the late Mohammad Tarif Al Khayyat, a prominent Jordanian basketball player intended to establish a competent Jordanian cycling team in the country. But Mohammed's tragic death last April urged him and his close friends to transform his old dream into practice.

Mr. Khayyat a secondary school student added that his four-

member cycling team were determined to win the first cycling race held on Oct. 14. This, Mr. Khayyat enthusiastically added was to keep a promise we made to the late founder of the team, which currently carries his name.

Competition in the prospective Amman race, organised by the JCF in cooperation with the Amman Crown Hotel, will be on individual cyclists basis unlike that of Irbid's where four teams competed in the race.

The race will be held under the patronage of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince Hassan. About 100 Jordanian cyclists, most of them are youngsters, will take part in the race.

Mr. Khayyat said that participants will assemble near the Amman Crown Hotel area on Friday Dec. 3 at 1 p.m. to set about the race. He explained that the results of this race in addition to that of another 80-kilometre race to be held soon after the second race in the Jordan Valley area will be the basis for forming the nucleus of Jordan's national cycling team.

Noah salvages French pride

GRENOBLE, France (R) — France's top player Yannick Noah salvaged some of his country's pride Sunday when he crushed Gene Mayer of the United States 6-1, 6-0 to snatch a match back in the Davis Cup tennis final.

The United States took an unbeatable 3-0 lead Saturday when John McEnroe and Peter Fleming beat the French double pair of Noah and Henri Leconte.

Noah, 22, was in sparkling form in Sunday's match, played over three instead of five sets, and never gave Mayer a chance to set obstacles facing them.

The victory was some consolation for Noah after his defeat by McEnroe in Friday's marathon opening match, which the world number one won 12-10, 1-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

McEnroe faces Leconte in the last match of the final, which will also be played over three sets.

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OPEC will meet in Vienna on Dec. 19

BRUSSELS (R) — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) oil ministers met in Vienna on Dec. 19 to discuss a new agreement on prices and production, and stop a price war it was officially admitted here Sunday.

The minister of state oil companies, Mr. Abdul Aziz Al-Saneah, announced the date and place of a cabinet meeting here which was triggered by Oil Minister Khalid Al-Sabah.

The meeting promises to be a stormy one as the ministers will have to agree on a dwindled market for OPEC crude oil among the group's 13 members.

A price cut could mean a new round of competitive price cutting. Several countries in and outside OPEC have already begun charging less than OPEC's reference price of \$34 a barrel.

Several ministers, including Saudi Arabia's Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, have said in recent weeks they would prefer to keep the \$34 price but some have said the outcome of the December meeting could not be prejudged.

An output-sharing accord collapsed in July. But since then, the Saudis have stuck to the \$34 price and made it a peg from which price generally have been hanging.

Oil ministry sources in the Gulf, giving more details about the meeting, said number of the ministers planned to gather informally in Vienna on Dec. 18. They added that the formal session might extend to Dec. 20.

The ministers were originally set to meet in Lagos on Dec. 9, but Nigeria opted out as host after some Gulf countries opposed holding the crucial talks there.

Saudi Arabia and its Gulf allies have recently been hinting that they might unilaterally cut prices if OPEC failed to agree on a reference price to which all members could adhere.

To defend current artificially high prices, industry executives say, OPEC would have to set the base price at the current \$34 or a little lower.

The alternative would be to let prices slip uncontrollably to a "market clearing" level that might be nearer \$20 a barrel.

Industry analysts in London have said it would be difficult to reach an agreement on individual output quotas with agreed variations in price to take account of quality unless Saudi Arabia compromised with Iran and Libya on market share.

Reagan opposes taxing jobless

SANTA BARBARA, California (R) — President Reagan has rejected a proposal to tax unemployment benefits as a means of encouraging out-of-work Americans to retrain for new jobs, the White House said Saturday.

Mr. Reagan was reported to have reacted angrily after reading reports that the proposal was in a package of measures drawn up by his cabinet council on economic policy to reduce mounting unemployment.

The report, which heads of government will study at talks in Copenhagen on Friday, calls for strong remedies.

It says although Britain, West Germany and The Netherlands can afford to cut the cost of bor-

EEC leaders to discuss grave economic crisis

BRUSSELS (R) — European Community leaders will this week discuss a warning that Western Europe's economic crisis has reached a point of exceptional gravity with little or no prospect of any upturn in 1983.

A European Commission report says its most recent forecast of 1.1 percent economic growth next year may now prove over-optimistic.

Bankruptcies and unem-employment will continue to soar as Community nations enter their fourth consecutive year of recession, it says.

The report, which heads of government will study at talks in Copenhagen on Friday, calls for strong remedies.

It says although Britain, West Germany and The Netherlands can afford to cut the cost of bor-

rowing further to give their beleaguered industries some respite, most other governments must take tougher action to curb public spending and wage indexation schemes and reduce inflation.

Community officials say recent interest rate falls on both sides of the Atlantic have done little to dispel West Europe's economic gloom because real interest rates and thus the cost of new investment and jobs remain too high to boost recovery.

Industrial output figures show a further fall since mid-1982 while surveys of business people's expectations show little prospect of an upturn in job-creating investments.

The report calls for action to cure deep structural weaknesses in the Community economy combined with greater cooperation with the United States and Japan

to end the world trade recession. In particular it advocates fresh efforts to agree with Washington and Tokyo on smoothing out interest and exchange rate fluctuations.

The officials say Community governments are still worried that a rising U.S. budget deficit, putting renewed pressure on borrowing costs, could extinguish hopes of ending the world trade recession.

The report says the one bright spot in an otherwise dismal picture is that inflation is expected to slow down in 1983, from 10.7 per cent in the past 12 months to 8.8 per cent.

In particular, the successes of Britain and West Germany in curbing inflation should give them scope for tax cuts or other budgetary measures to stimulate their economies, the report says.

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, NOV. 29, 1982

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A good day to start the week right by seeing that your financial affairs are in good condition. A time when you can easily impress others with your energy and cleverness.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Fine day for deciding any changes needed in business affairs so that you can advance more quickly. Think constructively.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You are magnetic and charming now and can get much accomplished. A new project needs more study to be successful.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Having a meeting with clever and successful persons can result in fine advice and new ideas of the future.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) A good time to contact persons who can do you the favors that you need to advance in career activities.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Take the right steps now to make your fondest dreams come true. A higher-up can give the support you need.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Find the right outlets to get into that will improve your position in life. Avoid a person who could cause harm.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make a plan that will permit you to conduct your business matters very efficiently. Evening is fine for entertaining.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Come to a better accord with associates. Do the research work needed to get ahead in your line of endeavor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study your assets properly and figure a way to add to present income. Avoid a situation that could lead to trouble.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Don't make any radical changes now which you could regret later. You can gain your potential by right thinking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Take the right steps to gain added security. Show patience in trying to get your allies to go along with your ideas.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Join forces with allies and get good results in the future. Sidestep one who has an eye on your assets. Be careful in travel.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will be very businesslike and ability in organizing, so direct the education along such lines for best results throughout the lifetime. One who will not care much for sports, but an invertebrate reader is in this chart.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

Rough road ahead for European trucks

LONDON — The short-term outlook for the European commercial vehicle industry is particularly bleak, and not all the present manufacturers will survive to see the expected revival in demand in the late 1980s.

The painful adjustments to be made by the industry will be hastened by the current strain on its finances, maintains DRI Europe in its latest report.

It points out that during 1982 only four (Daimler-Benz, MAN, Scania and Volvo) of the 15 European truck makers are expected to show a profit and that two groups — Iveco, the Fiat subsidiary, and Renault's commercial vehicle offshoot, RVI — already have announced they expect heavier losses.

Very few manufacturers will succeed in being profitable in 1983. Poor results from South American subsidiaries, high costs from attempted expansion into the U.S. and reduced export earnings will depress results from the industry leaders," the report adds.

European truck sales are forecast to improve slowly in 1983 but it will not be until 1985 that they can be expected to return to levels comparable with those of the late 1970s.

The report provides forecasts of truck registrations, production, imports, exports and vehicle fleet-in-operation by detailed gross vehicle weight categories for eight European countries (West Germany, France, U.K., Italy, Spain, Sweden, Netherlands and Belgium).

Dealing with the U.K. the report points out that 1982 was the second year in which no U.K. manufacturer made profits from producing trucks. "There is a clear danger that this situation will prevail into 1983 despite progress in cutting the cost base as discounting of truck prices continues to inflict more damage on U.K.-based producers than on the importers."

So the situation for some of the smaller U.K. manufacturers not backed by a major foreign partner "looks increasingly precarious."

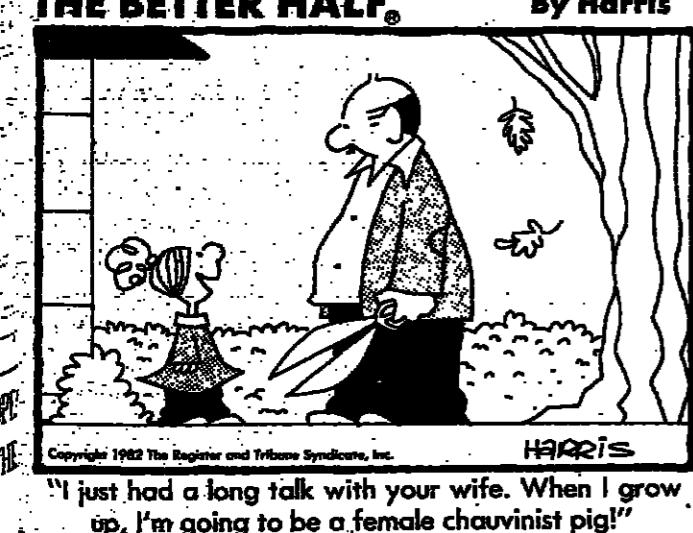
Under present conditions the commercial value of Seddon Atkinson, put up for sale recently by its troubled parent International Harvester, "is very low".

Truck sales in Britain will increase only slowly in 1983. But replacement demand will provide a strong underlying impetus to sales in 1984 and 1985. However, the levels of demand seen in the late 1970s will not be repeated until the 1990s.

West Germany is the only European country where truck demand has plummeted further from a depressed 1981. As export demand and weakened the German heavy truck industry was no longer insulated from the recession.

THE BETTER HALF

By Harris



Peanuts



Mutt 'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



THE Daily Crossword

By Albert L. Misenko

ACROSS	1 Piece of stage scenery	24 Use a shuttle	49 Shakespearean twin	13 Garden tool
5 Trick	25 Maintain	50 Actors or painters	21 Small missile	22 Metal refuse
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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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TANTRA	ASPS	SHOOTING	Scuba enthusiast
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Peking expects long-term stability

PEKING (R) — China's new constitution, due to be adopted next Saturday, will ensure long-term political stability and calm fears at home and abroad of further sudden policy changes, Chinese leaders were Sunday quoted as saying.

The official press quoted several senior Communist Party officials as expressing this view during group discussions at the annual session of the National People's Congress (NPC), China's parliament, which opened on Friday.

Another highlight of the 15-day meeting will be the report on Tuesday by Premier Zhao Ziyang on the long-overdue sixth five-year economic plan, which is supposed to run from 1981-85 but has been long delayed.

This will be followed by a report by Finance Minister Wang Bingqian on the budget, which is reported to be running another small deficit this year.

But the main preoccupation is with the constitution, seen as marking a basic return to legality after years of Maoist chaos.

The New China News Agency (NCNA) Sunday quoted Han Peixun, acting governor of the eastern province of Jiangsu, as saying during panel discussions Saturday: "The new constitution will ensure long-term political stability in China."

Ren Zhongyi, party chief of the southern province of Guangdong, bordering on Hong Kong, said it would make political life more stable and thus help reassure foreign investors.

"Some of our own people and our foreign friends and business partners are still worried about the changeability of our policy, and this is not without reason," Mr. Ren said.

He said China's top leader, Deng Xiaoping, had complained that China had no proper legal system and that what laws it had were

changed in the past on the political whim of leaders in power at the time.

But this state of affairs had now improved considerably, the agency reported Mr. Ren as saying.

One of the main innovations of the new constitution is the restoration from next year of the post of state chairman, or head of state. This was effectively scrapped by Mao Tsetung in 1968 when he purged his last incumbent, Liu Shaoqi.

Another is the setting up of a central military commission to command the 4.2 million-strong armed forces, who are currently under the direct control of the party's military affairs commission under Deng Xiaoping himself.

But it is still unclear what difference, if any, this will mean in practice.

Gen. Yang Dezhi, chief of defence staff, was quoted as saying during the discussions that the previous 1975 and 1978 constitutions had not stipulated the relationship between the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and the state.

This had given rise to the misunderstanding that the PLA is an army of the Communist Party and not of the state, he said.

However NPC Vice-Chairman Peng Zhen said in his report on the new charter last Friday: "The leadership of the Chinese Communist Party over the armed forces will not change with the establishment of the commission."

As usual in China, no one publicly disagreed with what was put forward by the leadership and only minor changes were made.

One suggestion officially reported Sunday to have been included in the draft concerned a need for more kindergartens.

Reagan's MX plan faces uphill battle in Congress

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan's plan for deploying America's new MX nuclear missile faces a tough fight in a special session of Congress starting Monday.

But a bill he supports that would provide funds for repairing the country's ageing roads and bridges will almost certainly be approved.

Mr. Reagan may also ask Congress to advance the starting date of his controversial 10 per cent tax cut from July 1 to Jan. 1 to stimulate the economy, although leaders of his own Republican Party have warned him he would be rebuffed.

These issues will dominate a three-week session that must also pass legislation to finance most federal government operations for the 1983 financial year which began on Oct. 1.

It will be the last meeting of the present Congress. A new Congress reflecting the results of the Nov. 2 U.S. elections will take office in January.

Republicans retained control of the Senate but the Democrats increased their majority in the 435-member House of Representatives by 26 seats, making it more difficult for Mr. Reagan to get his conservative programmes approved.

Efforts to kill the president's "dense pack" plan for basing the MX missile are to begin on Tuesday when the house appropriations committee considers a \$230 billion measure to provide funds for defence operations.

The chief House opponent, New York Democrat Joseph Addabbo, says he will try first to cut \$1 billion of MX production

Hijacker caught in Poland

WARSAW (R) — Polish security police foiled an attempt by an armed man to hijack a Hungarian airliner when it landed in Warsaw on a flight from Moscow to Budapest, airline officials said Sunday.

Details of the five-and-a-half-hour drama Saturday night were confused. But the officials said the man, carrying a machine pistol, approached the crew on board while the Tupolev 154 airliner was on the ground and ordered them to fly to West Berlin's Tempelhof airport.

They said the man was eventually seized after being told he had to leave the plane and board another if he wanted to fly further.

The nationality and other details of the hijacker were not immediately available. There were no reports of casualties and normal flights at Warsaw's international Okecie airport were later resumed.

The petrol tax proposal may be accompanied by one to make Mr. Reagan's 10 per cent income tax cut effective on Jan. 1 to stimulate the economy by spurring consumer spending.

But Democratic leaders blame the high federal deficit on the tax cut and Republican leaders say they have told the president that his proposal will be defeated.

Mr. Reagan said last week he was still studying the request, although he had not decided to make it.

FDP loses its youth arm

BOCHUM, West Germany (R)

The 20,000-strong youth organisation of West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher's Free Democratic Party (FDP) voted Saturday to sever links with its already deeply divided mother party.

The mass walkout, in protest at Mr. Genscher's backing of conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl, was agreed by the majority of delegates at a Young Democrats (JUDOS) congress in Bochum.

But there was no decision on forming a new break-away left-liberal party, plans for which are to be debated Sunday at another liberals' conference in the same city by some 1,000 FDP rebels opposed to the new centre-right coalition government.

FDP officials said they fear individual defections could accelerate if both weekend meetings vote against the FDP.

Former FDP General Secretary Günther Verheugen joined the opposition Social Democratic Party (SPD) last Thursday, the fifth senior politician to quit the party in the last three weeks.

The diplomats said U.S. and West European delegates felt the resolution, the result of many

Uruguay expects vote for democracy

MONTEVIDEO (R) — Uruguayans cast their votes Sunday in elections in which opponents of the country's military rulers hope will demonstrate public support for a return to democratic government.

The polls are to elect officials in the two traditional centrist parties and are being held under close military surveillance.

All left wing parties as well as the Christian Democrats who once formed part of a anti-government broad front have been banned from taking part.

Government opponents have forecast that at least 70 per cent of the two million electorate will cast ballots and that a strong anti-government congress will be elec-

tuted in each party.

The elections follow the defeat of military intentions in a referendum two years ago. The armed forces had proposed alteration of the constitution to give the military a permanent say in Uruguayan politics but the electorate rejected the plan in a plebiscite.

Government opponents say that a vote in their favour will place the parties in a position of strength to negotiate constitutional reforms in the run up to presidential and congressional elections promised by soldier President Gregorio Alvarez for 1984.

The military took power in this small South American nation of

three million people in 1973 after a three-day civil war.

They have ruled since then with a rigid hand banning political activity and jailing or sending opponents into exile.

Campaigning with enforced military restrictions officially ended on Friday night.

But in Montevideo politicians stopped their political speeches early Saturday as most interest centred on the result of local soccer side Penarol's match against Cobrello de Chile in the final of the South American Libertadores cup.

The game ended in a disappointing goalless draw.

'Japan has no military interests'

TOKYO (R) — Newly-appointed Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe said in an interview published Sunday he wanted to show Japan was not trying to become a military power.

The Japan Times said Mr. Abe referred to Asian countries' apprehension about Japan's defence buildup efforts being a sign of a revival of pre-world war two militarism.

He said he wanted to conduct his country's foreign policy by heeding their concerns, and to promote a better understanding of its basic policy of not seeking to become a military power, the newspaper said.

It quoted him as saying he would like to pay early visits to Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) members — Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines — to remove their worries on this score.

Indonesian President Suharto and President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines have recently expressed concern over Japan's defence policy.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rome wants to question 2 Turks

ROME (R) — A Rome magistrate has issued international arrest warrants for two Turkish citizens in connection with last year's assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II. Judicial sources said investigating magistrate Mario Martella issued the warrants for two men named as Oral Celik and Bechir Selentik. The sources said the men were suspected by investigators of having helped Turkish gunman Mehmet Ali Agca, who shot and wounded the Polish pontiff on May 13, 1981.

Irish gunmen kill former militiaman

ARMAGH, Northern Ireland (R) — Gunmen shot dead a former part-time soldier in front of his 10-year-old son at a petrol station Saturday, police said. The gunmen, believed to be Irish Republican guerrillas fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland, shot the man at point-blank range in Armagh, 50 kilometres from Belfast, before escaping in a waiting car.

Zia vows support for Palestinians

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Pakistani embassy in Amman Sunday released a message by President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq issued on the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people.

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Malcolm Muggeridge becomes a Catholic

ROBERTSBIDGE, England (R) — British author and broadcaster Malcolm Muggeridge, an outspoken agnostic until becoming a Christian some years ago, was received into the Roman Catholic church Saturday. He has told reporters his conversion followed conversations with Mother Teresa, the Catholic missionary in Calcutta who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. His wife Kitty also became a Catholic Saturday in the service at a church near his home in southern England.

Motorist kills himself, hurts cop

DUESSELDORF, West Germany (R) — A man involved in a car crash here grabbed a policeman's gun and killed himself with a shot through the head which also critically wounded the policeman, police said Saturday. Eye-witnesses said one of the drivers in the city centre crash pulled the gun from the policeman's holster, put it to his right temple and pulled the trigger. The bullet came out through the 24-year-old man's left temple and then hit the 26-year-old policeman in the head.

Falklanders get British citizenship

LONDON (R) — Britain is to give Falklanders full British citizenship, the Sunday Times newspaper reported. The newspaper said that the British government had decided not to oppose an amendment in Britain's new nationality act due to be debated in the House of Lords on Monday, giving Falklanders the same rights in Britain as given to residents of Gibraltar. When the Act comes into force on Jan. 1, Falklanders will be United Kingdom nationals, able to enter and work in Britain freely.

GOREN BRIDGE

By CHARLES GOREN

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Perhaps the largest single charity bridge event anywhere is the annual UJA Federation bridge tournament organized by Mrs. Samuel Stayman. This year's event, held at the exclusive Harmonie Club in New York, attracted almost 80 tables and raised over \$50,000.

Amateurs pay \$350 to play,

with an expert for the evening.

The results on any hand

can vary greatly, depending

on which member of the partnership is in control. Here's

an example of what might —

— and did — happen in this tournament.

North's overall on such a skimpy suit is not to be recommended. However,

South's decision to bid three

Never on a Sunday -- grocery controversy rages on in Britain

By Anthony Barker
Reuters

LONDON — Freedom for shopkeepers to trade as they wish on Sundays, something which has been legally barred for centuries, could become a reality here soon.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher — a grocer's daughter — favours the reform and her Conservative administration will clear the way for a free (non-party) vote in parliament, probably next year, on whether to change complex laws restricting Sunday trading in England and Wales.

And with public opinion favouring a change, consumer groups are optimistic that the vote will go their way.

The existing shops act of 1950, which allows only the sale of some essential and perishable goods, has led to anomalies.

English shops can lawfully sell on Sunday but not babies' powdered milk; they can sell pornographic magazines but not Bibles; frozen vegetables but not caned beans.

Chemists may sell pills on the Sabbath but they risk prosecution if they deal in shampoo.

And the English can buy Chi-

ncil, which is leading the campaign for Sunday opening, says that over 50 per cent of married women now work during the week. Sunday shopping would be easier for them and for couples buying items such as furniture.

A public opinion poll commissioned by the government-funded council showed that 69 per cent of those asked supported evening and Sunday trading compared with 64 per cent in 1970 and 55 per cent in 1970.

Shopkeepers' grievances